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News

Elastic Lenses in the Earth

Seismic waves in the earth's crust and mantle are known to be sensitive to density contrasts over large volumes of rock, which contrast tend to cause focusing effects. The end results of such effects observed at seismograph stations are hard to detect unless sufficient arrivals are sampled. It is a common fault to confuse such effects with those of local structures and properties. In a study of teleseismic, short-period (1 s) P-wave travel-time residuals and variations of amplitudes in western North America, R. Butler of the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics has found a high level of correlation to which he attributes qualitatively the focusing and defocusing of seismic waves (*Nature*, December 15, 1983). The correlation indicating that slow travel times relate to higher, and fast travel times to lower, amplitudes of seismic waves measured in western North America. Conversely, faster travel times and higher amplitudes are generally observed in eastern North America (defined as stations located east of the Rocky Mountain front). Although there may be less attenuation of seismic waves in the upper mantle beneath eastern North America, indications are that the degree of attenuation is highly variable. According to Butler, "On the large scale, the variations between western and eastern North America are probably rooted in lateral differences in temperature. Higher temperatures beneath the tectonically active west produce higher attenuation of P-waves, lower velocities in the upper mantle, and high surface heat flow." The focusing and defocusing effects of low and high velocity lenses, respectively, may be most effective if such lenses are located close to a seismic station. Butler noted that lenses, or anomalous regions, must have dimensions of one or more wavelengths of a P-wave, which translates to a minimum dimension in the earth of 6-8 km (for 1-s period waves). Positive correlations have been observed characteristically over large seismic arrays, suggesting the existence of lenses of several tens of square kilometers in cross section.

The elastic focusing effects observed in western North America for P-waves are observed for S-waves as well. Likewise, the lack of a systematic relationship is noted in eastern North America. Cause is attributed to differences in tectonic activity between the eastern and western portions of the continent.—PMB

mate change," the workshop report states. "Variations in the earth's climate appear to follow from a long and convoluted set of interactions including human and other biological activity, solar radiation, volcanism, ocean circulation, polar ice and land effects, and the chemistry and dynamics of the atmosphere itself."

ICSU will consider the NRC proposal at the ICNU meeting in Ottawa, Canada, September 24-28. A 1-day symposium will focus on the rationale, possible themes, and potential activities of such an international program to study global change. Commissioned papers will summarize scientific developments over the past 25 years and assess future prospects for illuminating the interactions of the geosphere and biosphere. For additional information, contact either of the two convenors: Thomas F. Malone (Unit 203, 5 Bishop Rd., West Hartford, CT 06119) or Juan C. Roederer (Director, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99701). ICNU is an international, nongovernmental scientific organization composed of 18 scientific unions. The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics is a member of ICNU.

Before the September meeting, though, the NRC will try to discuss the proposal in as many forums as possible, Friedman told *Eos*. Another workshop will be held in June to examine in more detail possible IGBP programs. In addition, Friedman said there will be an attempt to set up a symposium at the 1984 AGU Spring Meeting in Cincinnati, May 14-18.

Several years of planning would be required before the proposed program could actually get under way. Much of this planning would involve coordinating the nearly 50 observing and monitoring programs already in existence or being planned. Such programs—including, in addition to a few, the Global Atmospheric Research Program, Tropical Oceans and Global Atmosphere, World Ocean Circulation Experiment, Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, Origins of Plasma in the Earth's Neighborhood, and the International Geological Correlation Program—focus too narrowly in understanding the interplay, the NRC workshop report states; it says that to link the problem areas of the geosphere and biosphere the scope of these programs must be strengthened and extended.

A new NRC committee on the IGBP, chaired by Jack Edly of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, will hold its first meeting in March. Other NRC boards and committees dealing with related sciences are being asked to initiate discussions of their own to feed information to Edly's committee, Friedman said.

Copies of the Woods Hole workshop report, *Toward an International Geosphere-Biosphere Program: A Study of Global Change*, are available in limited supply from the National Research Council, Commission on Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Resources, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20418.—BTR

Geo-Biosphere Proposal

An international, interdisciplinary program to study the closely coupled system of the terrestrial environment and the life that inhabits it has been proposed for later this decade. As currently outlined, the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program (IGBP) would encompass at least a decade of research and would involve a host of nations. IGBP would embrace studies of physical, biological, and ecological processes. The program, which will focus on global change, will be one of the major topics of discussion this fall at the General Assembly of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU).

Development of the concept for IGBP was spearheaded by Herbert Friedman, chairman of the National Research Council (NRC) Commission on Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Resources. Following an informal discussion of the program 1 year ago, Friedman publicly suggested the international program in April 1983 at the annual meeting of the International Academy of Sciences at a symposium marking the silver anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY). Three months later, the U.S. National Research Council (NRC) gathered more than 40 scientists, government officials, and NRC staff at a workshop in Woods Hole, Mass., to consider the major problems for research in five areas that might be coordinated in IGBP: the atmosphere, oceans, lithosphere, biosphere, and the solar-terrestrial system.

Global change was the unifying theme of the workshop, which Friedman chaired. "Of pressing importance is the need to understand the often deleterious effects of modern man on natural processes, such as the inevitable climatic impact of carbon dioxide loading of the atmosphere since the industrial revolution," writes Friedman in the preface to workshop's report. "Progress in understanding global change will require extensive and well-organized observations made over much of the earth and over a long period of time. The scope of such an effort requires international cooperation and interdisciplinary emphasis," he added. "Coordinated efforts between adjacent scientific disciplines and programs of synoptic observations focused on common, interrelated problems that affect the earth as a whole" are needed.

A major challenge to an IGBP will be that of understanding the causes and effects of el-

Forum

Geologic Research Opportunities

I read with great interest the recent account in *Eos* of the National Research Council's Board of Earth Sciences (BES) report on "Opportunities for Research in the Geological Sciences," and find the report to be an excellent summary of existing research areas in continental geology (*Eos*, December 20, 1983, p. 993). However, the title of the report implies that the earth sciences as a whole are treated, and as such the report is plagued by several glaring omissions. It is important that these omissions be recognized because, as mentioned in *Eos*, this report will be used by government administrations to set priorities for future emphasis in federal funding.

The neglected topics include marine geology and geophysics, plate tectonics, paleogeography, and paleoclimatology. Ironically, these may have been neglected because research in these areas has been so successful in the last 2 decades. As an aftermath to the extraordinary breakthrough related to marine geology and plate tectonics in the 1960s and 1970s, there has developed an atmosphere that I call the "post-plate-tectonic lull." Indeed, the discovery and verification of plate tectonics is a lull at 1 to follow, and such is natural for the pendulum to swing toward important problems in continental geology. While such a swing is an understandable response to the last 2 decades, it is dangerously short sighted.

Developments in marine geology and in plate tectonics in particular have provided a unified theory for the understanding of many heretofore seemingly unrelated geologic phenomena. As a unifying concept in the geological sciences, it is similar to the theory of evolution in the biological sciences. Nearly 100 years later, research is still vigorous in refining ideas and discovering new areas in evolution and genetics. In fact, evolution of life is listed as one of the eight major research areas in the BES report. In a similar way, 20 years later, important areas remain to be studied in marine geology and plate tectonics theory. The broad-based acceptance of plate tectonics as a theory does not mean that research in this area is wanting, any more than the acceptance of evolution as a theory signals the demise of research in

that area. On the contrary, marine geology and geophysics remains among the most exciting research areas in the earth sciences and is undergoing something of a Renaissance owing to the development of new technologies such as SEA BEAM and SEA MARC-1 and II. It is a youthful and growing field in which exploration is still a key activity (for example, the discovery of black smoker vents, propagating rifts, and overlapping spreading centers, to name only a few).

The otherwise excellent BES report should either be retitled "Opportunities for Research in Continental Geology," or it should be amended to include the rather critical omissions in the areas of marine geology and plate tectonics research.

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Reply

In response to Professor Macdonald's letter regarding *Opportunities for Research in the Geological Sciences*, I would like to point out the following considerations.

1. The report itself states on page 1 that it "examines those research opportunities that are pertinent to the programs of the National Science Foundation's Division of Earth Sciences."

2. Marine Geology and Geophysics (Section 1, p. 59) of the report is one of the five research areas identified in chapter 3 of the report as offering major opportunities and challenges for future research in the geological sciences. The other four areas are: surface and near-surface processes and the environment, continental blocks, earth's interior, and earth in the solar system.

3. On page 39, the report further states that, "Because marine geology and marine geophysics are not limited through the Earth Sciences Division, extensive discussion is not presented here. The opportunities in these areas have been described in the *CRSSED Ocean Crustal Processes* and *Continental Margins* reports."

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and Resources

Mississippi River at St. Paul, Minn., averaged 214 bld, the third highest January flow since recordkeeping began at that station in 1892.

The combined flow of the nation's three major rivers—Mississippi, St. Lawrence, and Columbia—reflected the general decrease in January streamflow. Decreases in the average flows of the Mississippi and St. Lawrence rivers for the month more than offset a large increase in the flow of the Columbia River. Their combined average flow of 2,313 bld was down 30% from last month and 2% below the long-term average. These three rivers, which drain more than half of the lower 48 states, provide hydrologists with a quick, useful check on the nation's water resources.

Hydrologist Hai Tang of the USGS National Center in Reston, Va., said that reduced precipitation in January contributed to the decreased streamflows. He noted that severe cold weather in many areas caused ice jams that produced localized flooding in Idaho and low-lying areas in Iowa. Other lowland floods occurred in the South Atlantic, Gulf Coast, and Pacific Northwest states. At month's end, an ice jam about 900 km in length existed on the Missouri River above Jefferson City, Mo.

Groundwater conditions were mixed during January. The levels in most key index wells were average to above average for the month. Wells in California, Maine, Nebraska, and Nevada recorded record-high levels for January. Groundwater levels rose in most deep wells in irrigated areas in Nebraska, reflecting a seasonal recovery from irrigation withdrawals. Two key index wells near Ewing and Hutter reached their highest January levels in 54 years of record. Although the water level in a key index well in the El Paso, Tex., area rose during January, the level near month's end was still nearly 5 m below average for this time of year, and the lowest January level in 20 years of record. Index wells in Georgia, and parts of Iowa and Louisiana showed groundwater levels below the long-term average.

Average flows of the nation's five largest rivers were down substantially from December, with only the Columbia River showing an increase from last month. Flows of the "Big Five" rivers were: Mississippi River at Vicksburg, Miss., 1,370 bld, 13% below average and 43% less than the flow in December; St. Lawrence River at Massena, N.Y., 563 bld, 4% above the monthly average, but a decline of 10% from December; Columbia River at The Dalles, Ores., 360 bld, 71% above the long-term January average and an increase of

55% from December; Ohio River at Louisville, Ky., 210 bld, 12% below the January average and a decline of 51% from the previous month; and the Missouri River at Hannibal, Mo., 125 bld, 51% above the January average, but down 40% from the December flow.

Fellowships in India

In an effort to encourage stronger research ties between India and the United States, the Indo-U.S. Subcommittee on Education and Culture is offering 12 long-term and 9 short-term research fellowships in India in 1985 and 1986. The only requirement is that the applicants be U.S. citizens at the postdoctoral or equivalent postgraduate level. The awards have no restrictions as to field of study, and because the program seeks to open new channels of communication between academic and professional groups in the two countries, those who have had little or no experience in India are especially encouraged to apply.

The long-term fellowships are for 6 to 10 months, with a monthly allowance of \$1500. Long-term fellows will also receive travel money and allowances for dependents. The short-term awards, for periods of 2 to 3 months, also offer a monthly payment of \$1500. Funding for these fellowships is provided by the U.S. Information Agency, the National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Government of India.

Applications for the program must be received by June 15. Forms and further information are available from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Attention: Indo-American Fellowship Program, 11 Dupont Circle, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036; telephone: 202-939-4086.

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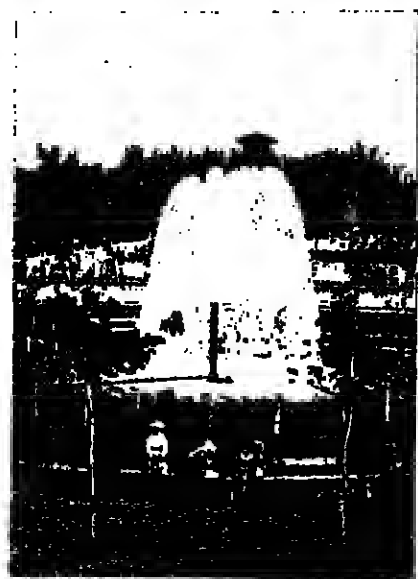
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Horton: Award, Medal, and Grant

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In the January 17, 1984, issue of Eos (p. 22), you will find the citation and acceptance of the 1983 winner of the Robert E. Horton Award, David A. Woodhouse. This edition of WaterWatch contains a listing of past winners of both the Horton Award and the Horton Medal. In addition, there is a call for proposals for the 1984 Horton Research Grant. This is a lot of Horton, and experience has shown it to generate considerable confusion. Here I hope to clarify matters by drawing upon the historical records of our past president, James R. Wallis.

In 1917 the Hydrology Section first formally recognized contributions to the science of hydrology. This was done using two awards, a best paper by a young author and a best paper by a senior author. In 1937, and in 1947, the award for the most outstanding contribution to the science of hydrology published in the *Transactions* during the preceding year. In 1948 Vincent J. Schaefer was its first winner. These awards were given every year and during the period 1952-1955 there was not even a mention of them in the minutes of the section.

Robert E. Horton Award

In 1952 Section President Harold G. Wallis suggested use of the Horton Award to cover the cost of an award certificate and, with AGU Council approval, the Horton Award was born. It has been given each year since 1956. From time to time the criteria and method of selection have been modified by the section executive. The current guidelines for granting of the Hydrology Section's Horton Award are as follows:

Basic

The award is to be given for a single outstanding contribution to the science of hydrology made during the preceding 3 years. The contribution may be (1) a single outstanding paper published in any journal; (2) a series of papers which, taken together, define an outstanding contribution; (3) a service to the science which makes an outstanding contribution, e.g., an outstanding meeting leading to a change in the science; (4) any other contribution which the nominating committee considers worthy.

Nominations

Nominations for the award will be taken from any member of AGU. They must be accompanied by a written statement which gives the basis for nomination.

Eligibility

Any member of the scientific community is eligible for the award. However, no one individual may receive the award more than once. The selection committee will have discretion for jointly authored work in which one author has already received the award.

Robert E. Horton Research Grant

Finally, the Horton Research Grant was established in 1982 as a Hydrology Section

award. It uses income from the Robert E. Horton Fund to make a single, annual, competitive research grant to a graduate student in hydrology at an American university. The first grant was awarded to Jane Stockman of Stanford University in 1983. I recommend that the next section executive give consideration to changing the name of this award to remove some of the confusion.

Peter S. Eagleson, president of the AGU Hydrology Section, is with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robert E. Horton Award Winners

The Robert E. Horton Award is given annually by the AGU Hydrology Section for a single outstanding contribution to the science of hydrology made within the last 5 years. The 1983 award winner is David A. Woodhouse for his contributions in the area of kinematic modeling of surface water runoff and overland flow (Eos, January 17, 1984, p. 22). Previous winners of the award are listed below.

Previous Awardes

a = best paper by a young author

b = best technology paper appearing in *Transactions* of preceding year

Henry W. Anderson (1947a), Vincent J. Schaefer (1948b), Gordon Chapman (1949a), R. A. Work (1949b), Donald Kirkham (1950a), Heine F. Poppvoldrick and Myron Trilux (1951b).

Horton Awardes

Charles L. Husher and G. Robert Husher (1956), W. J. Kaufman and G. T. Orin (1957), John R. Philip and Daniel A. deVries (1958), W. B. Langbein and S. A. Schum (1959).

J. C. I. Dooge (1960), J. Weertman (1962), L. G. Donohue (1963), Andrew E. Reisenauer (1964).

Flora A. Hill and Stanb A. Changam, Jr. (1965), James R. Wallis (1966), C. H. M. van Bavel (1967), M. C. Matias (1968), G. F. Pinder and John D. Bratscheff (1969).

S. P. Neuman and P. A. Witherspoon (1970), R. Allan Freeze and James Neuman (1971), Chih-Tai Yang (1972), R. Allan Freeze (1973), J. Amato and B. Espildum (1974).

Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe and Jose M. Mejia (1975), Roland W. Jeppson, Walter J. Rawls, Russel Hanson, and David L. Schriber (1976), Eric F. Wood (1977), Haich W. Shen (1978), Peter S. Eagleson (1979), Samuel C. Colbeck (1980), Rafael L. Bras (1981), Lynn W. Gelhar (1982), David A. Woodhouse (1983).

Other Awards

Robert E. Horton Medal

In contrast, the Robert E. Horton Medal is an award given in even-numbered years upon recommendation of a subcommittee of the Union's Fellows Committee. It was first awarded in 1970 to the late Walter B. Langbein. The other winners to date are Harold A. Thomas, Jr. (1978), William C. Ackermann (1980), and John R. Philip (1982).

William Bowie Medal

The William Bowie Medal is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions to fundamental geophysics and for useful cooperation in research. The first award was made in 1939 to William Bowie. Three hydrologists have received the award: Oscar Edgar Meinzer (1939), Johannes Thendur Thijse (1958), and Walter B. Langbein (1969).

James B. Macelwane Award

The James B. Macelwane Award is given to recognize the achievements of young scientists (less than 30 years old). Awards are made annually for significant contributions to the geophysical sciences to young scientists of outstanding ability. The first award was made in 1962. Three hydrologists have received the award: R. Allan Freeze (1973), Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe (1977), and Rafael L. Bras (1982).

Fellows

AGU also provides recognition to leaders in the field of geophysics through the election of Fellows.

The current AGU Fellows from the Hydrology Section are listed below:

William C. Ackermann, Henry W. Anderson, K. H. Beil, John D. Bredehoeft, Arthur C. Cuykendall.

Peter S. Eagleson, Allan R. Freeze, John C.

Frye, John C. Geyer, E. E. Harbeck, Max A. Kohler, Luna B. Leopold, Ray K. Linsley, S. W. Lohman, Nicholas C. Matias, Mark F. Meier, Dean F. Peterson, George P. Rigby, Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe, Philip C. Rutter, W. B. Langbein, Charles V. Theis, J. Thijse, Harold A. Thomas, David K. Todd, Gilbert F. White, M. G. Wolman, 1981: J. C. I. Dooge, J. R. Philip, 1982: W. Brutsaert, P. Witherspoon, J. Weertman, R. Bras, 1983: Jacob Robin, Lynn Gelhar, James R. Wallis.

Horton Research Grant Posposals Sought

The American Geophysical Union is requesting proposals for the award of the Horton Research Grant. The proposal deadline is March 15, 1984. The grant will be in support of research projects in hydrology and water resources by Ph.D. candidates of American institutions of higher education and is awarded annually to a single proponent. Its objective is to foster graduate student research leading to the completion of doctoral dissertations. Proposals may be in hydrology (including its physical, chemical, or biological aspects) or in the water resource policy sciences (including economics, systems analysis, sociology, and law).

Proposals must be signed by both the student and the faculty research supervisor and must be received at the address below on or before March 15, 1984. The award will be in the amount of \$5,500 and will be made directly to the winner, selected by a committee of AGU's Hydrology Section during the 1984 AGU Spring Meeting. For a detailed description of the grant and a guide for proposers, write to:

Horton Research Grant
American Geophysical Union
2000 Florida Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

Information Report

Data Harmonization and Model Performance

The Joint Committee on Urban Storm Drainage of the International Association for Hydraulic Research (IAHR) and International Association on Water Pollution Research and Control (IAWPRC) was formed in 1982. The current committee members are (no more than two from a country): B. C. Yen, Chairman (USA); P. Harremoes, Vice Chairman (Denmark); R. K. Price, Secretary (UK); P. J. Colyer (USA); M. Desbordes (France); W. C. Huber (USA); K. Krauth (FRG); A. Sjöberg (Sweden); and T. Saitoh (Japan).

The IAHR/IAWPRC Joint Committee is forming a Task Group on Data Harmonization and Model Performance. One objective is to promote international urban drainage data upon recommendation of a subcommittee of the Union's Fellows Committee. It was first awarded in 1970 to the late Walter B. Langbein. The other winners to date are Harold A. Thomas, Jr. (1978), William C. Ackermann (1980), and John R. Philip (1982).

In addition to the Joint Committee there is also an informal group of interested people, known as the International Liaison Group on Urban Storm Drainage, comprising a correspondence network of people in more than 30 countries. The objective of both the Joint Committee and the Liaison Group is to promote international cooperation and development on the science and technology in urban storm drainage.

News & Announcements

Hydrology at the Spring Meeting

Mesoscale Precipitation Fields

A special, full-day session on "Investigation of Mesoscale Precipitation Fields" is being organized by the precipitation committee of AGU's Hydrology Section for the 1984 AGU Spring Meeting under the joint sponsorship of the Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences sections. This session will contain about 10 invited talks by hydrologists, atmospheric scientists, statisticians and mathematicians, with a new focus on interdisciplinary research in modeling precipitation fields. In the evening, a 2-hour panel discussion will be held to explore in depth the scope of interdisciplinary

research and climatic variability. For additional details contact: Vijay K. Gupta, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677 (telephone 601-232-5366).

Hillslope Hydrology

The Surface Runoff Committee is sponsoring a session on Hillslope Hydrology for the 1984 AGU Spring Meeting. Invited speakers include scientists from Australia, Canada, Germany, and the United States. For further details contact: Peter Geunnon, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903 (telephone 804-924-0558).

Solute Transport in Groundwater

Two symposia on solute transport in groundwater, both sponsored by the Hydrology Section's Groundwater Committee, will be held at the 1984 AGU Spring Meeting. A full-day session on "Miscible and Immiscible Transport in Groundwater" will feature a panel discussion as well as invited and contributed papers. Panel members include: Emil Frind, Lynn Gelhar, Bob Gorenkorn, Fred Molz, and George Pinder. A tentative list of speakers includes: L. Abriola, V. Corapcioglu, J. Cushman, C. Faust, L. Gelhar, W. Gray, O. Guven, D. Hochmuth, B. Lewis, G. Pinder, J. Rubin, F. Schwarz, L. Smith, and D. Sunada. For more information call Jim Mercer, GeoTrans, at 703-435-4400, or Leonard Konikow, USGS, Reston, at 703-860-6892.

A half-day session on "Field Methods for Supporting Chemical Transport Models" will provide a follow-up to the theoretical discussions featured in the companion symposium. A tentative list of invited speakers includes: Chin Fu Tsang, Joel G. Melville, Daniel B. Stephens, R. William Nelson, David Fryberg, and Edward Sudicky. For more information contact Fred Molz, Auburn Univ., at 205-826-4326 or Mary Anderson, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, at 608-262-2596.

History of Hydrology

"History of Hydrology: Earth Science Aspects" is the subject of a half-day symposium at the 1984 AGU Fall Meeting (December 3-7, 1984, San Francisco). The symposium is being organized by the new History and Heritage of Hydrology Committee (HHHC) of AGU's Hydrology Section (a committee which will also function as a subgroup of the AGU Committee on the History of Geophysics). The symposium will cover historical aspects of the geological and geomorphological study of surface and groundwater. Because this is a first-time effort by the HHHC, no initial restrictions on scope have been imposed in order to span a range of interests and to identify a population of individuals with historical interests within AGU and the hydrology community in general.

Areas of interest might include the work of individual scientists, the evolution of concepts, and the development of techniques and methodologies. Persons interested in presenting a paper are encouraged to contact the symposium coordinator, Edward R. Landa, U.S. Geological Survey, 413 National Center, Reston, VA 22092 (telephone 703-860-6971).

Urban Hydrology

Storm Drainage

The Third International Conference on Urban Storm Drainage will be held in Göteborg, Sweden, June 4-8, 1984. Contact A. Sjöberg, Chalmers Univ. of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden, for more information. The Fourth Conference will be in late August 1987 in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the Fifth Conference is planned for Tokyo in 1990.

The proceedings of the First International Conference, held in Southampton, England, in April 1978, are available from Wiley-Interscience under the title "Urban Storm Drainage." The proceedings of the Second International Conference, held in Urbana, Illinois, in June 1981, are available from Water Resources Publications, Littleton, Colo., under the title, "Urban Stormwater Hydraulics and Hydrology" and "Urban Stormwater Quality Management and Planning."

Drainage Models

Under the co-sponsorship of the IAHR/IAWPRC Joint Committee, an international symposium on the Comparison of Urban Drainage Models with Real Catchment Data will be held in September 1985 in Yugoslavia. Contact C. Marksimovic or M. Radokovic, Inst. of Hydraulic Engineering, Bulevar Revolucije 75, Belgrade, Yugoslavia. The IAHR 21st Congress, in August 1985, at Melbourne, Australia, will hold a symposium on Urban Hydrology. American contributions to both meetings are sought.

Sewerage Systems

An international Conference on the Planning, Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of Sewerage Systems is being organized by BIRA and will be held in Reading, England, September 12-14, 1984.

Stochastic Hydraulics

The Fourth IAHR International Symposium on Stochastic Hydraulics, cosponsored by AGU and the American Society of Civil Engineers, will be held July 31-August 2, 1984, at Urbana, Ill. About 40 papers selected from submitted abstracts will be presented in the symposium.

Topics covered will include (but not be limited to) the following areas: risk and reliability analysis; safety of dams and other hydraulic structures; stochastic models; and stochastic processes of hydraulic and hydrologic phenomena such as turbulence, sediment transport, dispersion and diffusion, and random waves.

Reasonably priced housing is available. Contact B. C. Yen or Glenn Stout, Hydrology Laboratory, Univ. of Illinois, 208 North Romine St., Urbana, IL 61801 (telephone 217-333-0697 or 217-333-0536).

1984 IAHS Symposia

Land Subsidence

The Third International Symposium on Land Subsidence, Venice, Italy, March 10-25, 1984, will offer 75 oral papers and 80 poster papers. A 1-day field trip by boat in

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Cover. View from Volcanological Observatory of Rabaul Caldera (Blanche Bay), last erupted about 1,400 years ago. The low point of land on the left center is Matupit Island, site of approximately 1 m of uplift over the past 12 years. On the right is Vulcan, which erupted explosively in 1937 and again in 1941. Ground deformation and seismic activity may indicate the rise of magma beneath the center of the caldera. The town of Rabaul and all settlements fringing Blanche Bay lie in the area of highest risk should an eruption occur. A stage-2 volcano alert was declared on October 29, 1983, in response to the increased seismic activity and ground deformation observed in September and October. Seismic activity was concentrated near Tavorur volcano in early November but activity then increased near Vulcan later in the month. Tavorur and Vulcan erupted together in 1937. Monitoring and development of emergency plans continues. (Photograph by Stanley N. Williams, Department of Earth Sciences, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755.)

The Lagoon of Venice has been scheduled for March 21. A 3-day field trip from Venice south to subsiding areas near Ravenna and Modena is scheduled for March 24-26, following the symposium papers sessions. For further information contact A. Ivan Johnson, General Chairman, TISOLS, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, 7600 East Orchard Rd., Harlequin Plaza North, Englewood, CO 80111, USA.

Karst Water Resources

An International Symposium on Karst Water Resources, is scheduled for July 7-10, 1985, in Ankara and Antalya, Turkey. Subjects that may be considered for the symposium include hydrogeology, geochemistry, modeling, laboratory testing, tracer techniques, geophysics and other exploration methods, land subsidence and sinkhole formation, remote sensing techniques, groundwater and surface-water hydraulics and interpretation, engineering properties and problems, water-supply estimation, irrigation potential and irrigation practice.

Turkey provides an especially appropriate location for the symposium because of the quantity, variety, and importance of the karstic areas found there. The symposium is being sponsored by the Karst Water Resources Research Center Project of Hacettepe University, United Nations Technical Cooperation Department, and the Turkish State Hydraulic Works. Cooperators will be the Turkish National Committee for the International Hydrological Program, the International Association of Hydrological Sciences, and other international technical societies and United Nations organizations.

Notice of intent to offer a paper or to attend the symposium should be sent to A. Ivan Johnson, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, 7600 East Orchard Rd., Harlequin Plaza North, Englewood, CO 80111, USA, or to Gökten Güney, Hydrogeological Engineering Dept., Hacettepe Univ., Engineering Faculty, Beytepe, Ankara, Turkey. They will send details on symposium arrangements and preparation of abstracts.

Hydrochemical Balances

The International Symposium on Hydrochemical Balances of Freshwater Systems, will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, September 10-14, 1984. For further information contact M. Falkenmark, Secretary, NFR's Committee for Hydrology, Box 6711, S-11385 Stockholm, Sweden.

Rocks of Low Permeability

The 17th International Congress of the IAHR (International Association of Hydrogeologists) will meet in Tucson, Ariz., January 7-10, 1985. The deadline for abstracts is March 1, 1984, and final papers are due October 13, 1984.

The topic of the congress will be "Hydrogeology of Rocks of Low Permeability," and speakers will include W. Back, J. F. Bredehoeft, G. de Marsily, J. E. Gale, P. Fritz, L. W. Gelhar, G. E. Gristak, C. W. Kreidler, M. R. Lamas, T. N. Narasimhan, I. Nereuetski, and E. P. Weeks. The congress will conclude with a panel discussion moderated by S. P. Neuman. Panelists include S. N. Davis, G. de Marsily, R. A. Freeze, P. A. Witherspoon, and I. Nereuetski.

The Chairman of the Technical Program Committee is S. P. Neuman, Dept. of Hydrology and Water Resources, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, USA (telephone 602-621-7114 or 5082).

Field trips will follow the formal presentations on January 11 and 12. In addition a field trip to the Nevada Test Site is scheduled for January 14.

Salt Lake at Record Levels

Utah's Great Salt Lake rose 1.6 m between September 1982 and June 1983, the greatest seasonal rise measured in 136 years of record, according to a report published by Ted Arnow, chief of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Water Resources District Office in Salt Lake City. The lake, which continued to rise after Arnow wrote his report, rose 25 cm in December, a record for a 1-month period. On January 1 the lake's height was measured at 1282.03 m above sea level, the highest since 1887.

The combined effects of above average rainfall in 1982, above average snowfall in the autumn of 1982 and the spring of 1983, and unseasonably cool weather during the spring of 1983 led to the record rise.

By mid January the lake's continued rise had cost \$250 million in damages and in damage-prevention efforts. Flooding threatened to cut off Interstate Highway 80 and three transcontinental railroads.

Both the level and quality of the water in Great Salt Lake fluctuate continuously, according to Arnow. "The changes are primarily in response to changing climatic conditions, but man's activities have a lesser but still important effect." Since 1959, the lake has been bisected along its east-west axis by a railroad

runway that restricts natural circulation. This produces an elevation difference between the north and south sections; last year the southern section was at times almost 1 m higher than the northern section.

The northern section is saltier (25% salinity) than the southern (part 18% salinity). Sea water is considered to have a salinity of 3.5%.

Copies of the report, *Water Level and Water Quality Changes in Great Salt Lake, Utah, 1887-1983* (USGS Circular 913), are available from the USGS Public Inquiries Office, 125 South State St., Salt Lake City, UT 84138.

Issues and Conditions Summarized by USGS

A chronology of recent significant hydrologic events, a state-by-state analysis of water conditions, and key water policy issues are described in two reports published earlier this year by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

In its 243 pages, the report *National Water Summary 1983: Hydrologic Events and Issues* highlights water issues and related activities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the western Pacific islands under U.S. jurisdiction. Four concerns are addressed in this state-by-state analysis: water availability, water quality, hydrologic hazards and land use, and institutional and management issues. A chronology of significant hydrologic events between January 1982 and August 1983 is also included in the report. Copies are available for \$5 each from the Branch of Distribution, Text Products Section, USGS, 604 South Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304. Orders must specify water supply paper 2230 and must include a check or money order made payable to the Department of the Interior/USGS.

Six policy issues are identified and discussed in the second report, *Water in America 1983: River Management Improvement*, interstate water conflicts, water project development, Indian water claims, and water quality as it relates to acid rain and to salinity. The 20-page report also focuses on the changing roles of the federal, state, and local authorities. Copies should be requested from the Director, Office of Policy Analysis, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

Meeting Reports

Groundwater Management Modeling

The symposium on Optimization Techniques for Managing Groundwater and Stream-Aquifer Systems, held at the 1983 AGU Fall Meeting, covered (1) small-scale regional design of well fields which were for the most part associated with the containment of contaminated groundwater, and (2) use of management models to evaluate conjunctive use and water allocation policy. The presentations focused on methodology and case studies which have combined groundwater flow (and contaminant transport) simulation with linear and nonlinear optimization.

The 8 presentations and panel discussion brought together those who have largely shaped the field of groundwater management modeling and those who have extended and applied earlier methods and made contributions as part of recent or ongoing thesis work. After the formal presentations, Man-ouch Haidari chaired the lively panel which consisted of Nathan Buras, John D. Bredehoeft, Yacov Y. Humes, Thomas Maddock III, Gerald T. O'Mara, and Robert Willis.

Three topics of key interest dominated the audience's questions and the discussion: What is the purpose of groundwater and conjunctive use management modeling? How can such models be effectively utilized? Can parameter uncertainty be better incorporated into the management-modeling methods? The discussion emphasized the importance of the simulation-management method as a tool to aid in understanding the physical as well as economic controls of stream-aquifer resource utilization, rather than as a technique for hydrogeologic engineering design.

This meeting report was prepared by Steven M. Gorelick, who is with the U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, CA 94023.

Transport Processes of Excessive Sediment

The session on Transport Processes of Excessive Sediment Loads at the 1983 AGU Fall Meeting featured an excellent summary by H. W. Shen of the general status of the prevailing theories of transport mechanisms of high sediment loads, including both U.S. and Chinese work on the topic. The session attracted interesting papers and a good audience. The panel discussion after the papers was quite lively and contributed to the general understanding of the topic. Ray Krone gave a status report on the work of the American Society of Civil Engineers on excessive sediment loads, and guidelines for flood insurance for mud-flood events was discussed.

The field reports pointed out the important differences in the types and mechanics of flows in different areas. For example, the influence of geology on the flows in the Los Angeles area was quite striking. The schedule did not permit extended discussion of the theory papers. From the success of this session it appears that excessive sediment loads will be a lively topic for several years.

This meeting report was prepared by Karen L. Prestegard, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Orinoco and Amazon

Although much of the research being done on these rivers is still in its early stages, the misprint in the 1983 AGU Fall Meeting abstracts issue of Eos (November 8, 1983, p. 697) appears to be correct. These rivers are typical as well as tropical. The series of papers by Meade, Norlin, Dunne, and Mertes provided some interesting observations (for example, the rivers exhibited complicated longitudinal variations in sediment storage).

R. F. Stallard presented an excellent paper on mixing in large tropical rivers. The Orinoco and Amazon Rivers have fairly low sinuosity, and high width/depth ratios. These characteristics might be responsible for the observations made by Hilerio and Stallard that the tributary water chemistry is not mixed across the main channel for distances of several hundred kilometers.

The research on these large rivers illustrated that large rivers do not behave simply as up-scaled versions of smaller rivers. The importance of large rivers as water and hydroelectric power resources as well as the importance of the Amazon basin vegetation as a storage reservoir for carbon dioxide makes research on these rivers quite important.

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On The Waterfront

John L. Wilson has accepted a professorship at the Department of Geoscience, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, N. Mex.

Frank W. Schwartz has been named the 1984 Birdsall Lecturer. The Birdsall Lecture Series is sponsored by the Hydrology Division of the Geological Society of America.

Meetings (cont. from p.49)

meeting, Lake St. Univ., Fort Collins, CO 80523; tel. 303-441-5118 in 8549.

April 26-27: Sixth Annual Texas A&M Geodynamics Research Program Symposium on Crustal Tectonics: Deformation of Continental Lithosphere, College Station, Tex. Sponsors: J. Peter Van der Vlist, and the Commission on Lithosphere, NASA, and the Commission on Marine Geophysics of IAGLR. (Texas A&M Geodynamics Office, College Station, TX 77843-3114; tel. 409-845-8177.)

April 30-May 4: Petrose Conference on Structural Styles and Deformational Fabrics of Accretionary Complexes, El Centro, Calif. Sponsors: GSA (Western Experience, 2470 Central Ave., Suite P-2, Boulder, CO 80503; tel. 303-440-3322).

May 21-23: Ninth Conference on Weather Modification, Park City, Utah. Sponsors: American Meteorological Society (Edward Hindman, Dept. Atmos. Sci., Lake St. Univ., Ft. Collins, CO 80523; tel. 303-441-8311).

May 23-25: Workshop on Precipitation Enhancement, Park City, Utah. Sponsors: National Science Foundation and American Meteorological Society (R. Bruce Bratton, Dept. of Geophysical Sciences, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637; tel. 312-922-8129/8124).

May 29-31: Urban Water '84—A Time For Renewal, Baltimore, Md. Sponsors: American Society of Civil Engineers Water Resources Planning and Management Division, Howard H. Bay, College of Environmental Science, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, Green Bay, WI 54301; tel. 414-663-2231.

The Geophysical Year calendar last appeared in the December 6, 1983, issue.

AGU Spring Meeting: Housing and Registration



The 1984 Spring Meeting of the American Geophysical Union will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 14-18, at the Convention-Exposition Center. The center, located in the heart of the city, is an ideal meeting site; a skywalk system links the Convention-Exposition Center with major downtown hotels, restaurants, and shops. Cincinnati is easily reached by three major highways and the Greater Cincinnati International Airport (only 15 minutes from downtown).

Registration

Everyone who attends the meeting must register. Pre-registration received by April 20 saves you time and money. The fee will be refunded to you if AGU receives written notice of cancellation by May 7. Registration rates are as follows:

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*Student fee has been rolled back to 1982 rates.
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Registration for 1 day is available at one half the above rates, either in advance or at the meeting. Members of the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society, the American Society of Photogrammetry, the European Geophysical Union, and the Union Geofisica Mexicana may register at the AGU member rates.

If you are not a member of AGU and you register at the full meeting rate, the difference between member (or student member) registration and nonmember registration will be applied to AGU dues which will be waived if a completed membership application is received at AGU by July 9, 1984.

To pre-register, fill out the registration form, and return it with your payment to AGU by April 20. Preregistrants should pick up their registration material at the registration desk located in the Convention-Exposition Center. Your receipt will be included with your pre-

registration material. Registration hours are 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday, on Sunday, May 13, from 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Hotel Accommodations

Blocks of rooms are being held at the Clarion Hotel (formerly Sheraton) and at the Cincinnati Plaza for those attending the Spring Meeting. The Clarion Hotel, 555 Single, \$65 double (plus tax), is immediately adjacent to the Convention-Exposition Center. The Cincinnati Plaza, 555 Single, \$65 double (plus tax), is approximately 1/2 mile from the center, easily accessible by the skywalk system.

Hotel reservations must be received by April 16, 1984, to be confirmed. Mail the completed housing form directly to the hotel of your choice. Do not write or telephone AGU for housing reservations.

Scientific Sessions

The program summary will be published in the March 27 issue of *Eos*. The preliminary program with the abstracts will be published in the April 17 issue of *Eos*. The final meeting program, with presentation times, will be distributed at the Spring Meeting. Scientific sessions will be held at the Convention-Exposition Center.

Exhibits

Exhibits of instrumentation equipment, book publishers, programs of government agencies, and other organizations will run from Tuesday, May 15, to Thursday, May 17, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily.

Special Events

An icebreaker party on Monday evening from 6:30 to 7 P.M. will be the opening social event of the meeting.

The Honors Ceremony, Reception, and President's Dinner in honor of the meritorious awards, and Fellows will be held on Wednesday evening, May 16.

Complimentary refreshments will be served Monday through Friday at the Center, 9:15 to 11 A.M. and 2:30 to 4:15 P.M.

Business Meetings and Section Luncheons

The AGU Council will meet Tuesday, May 15, at 5:30 P.M. The annual business meeting of the Union will follow the Council Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Section luncheons will be held at the Clarion Hotel; room locations will be published later. Please indicate on the registration form which luncheon you plan to attend and include payment.

The Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism luncheon and the Planetary/Volcanology Petrology, and Geochemistry luncheon will be held on Monday, May 14.

The Sedimentology and Tectonophysics luncheons will be held on Tuesday, May 15.

The Hydrology, Ocean Sciences, and Solar-Planetary Relationships luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 16.

The Atmospheric Sciences and Geodesy luncheons will be held on Thursday, May 17.

Refer to the registration form for cost.

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4210 Crystal Chemistry: *CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY IN OPEN-ALASKA-BEARING SYSTEMS*. R. G. Barr, Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139; and R. G. Barr, Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. The formation of open-alkali-bearing minerals in a volcanic system is discussed. The formation of open-alkali-bearing minerals in a volcanic system is discussed. The formation of open-alkali-bearing minerals in a volcanic system is discussed.

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